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COMNAVAIRLANT INSTRUCTION 1550.6C/COMNAVAIRPAC INSTRUCTION 1550.5B

Subj: CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)/BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)
TRAINING

Ref: (a) COMNAVAIRLANT/COMNAVAIRPACINST 3500.20C
(b) OPNAVINST 1740.3A
(c) BUMEDINST 1500.15A
(d) OPNAVINST 5100.19D
(e) SECNAVINST 1640.9B
(f) OPNAVINST 6110.1F

1. Purpose. To establish requirements for Basic Life Support (BLS) C course and CPR Basic Heart Saver A course training and utilization for Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet/Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet ships, squadrons and shore facilities. References (a) through (f) apply. This is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVAIRLANTINST 1550.6B/COMNAVAIRPACINST 1550.5A

3. Discussion. Cardiac arrests are a leading cause of death for active duty personnel. In addition, electrical shock injuries pose a significant risk for cardiac arrest in the shipboard environment. Active duty personnel who suffer cardiac arrest require the speedy delivery of BLS to maximize the chance of recovery. Therefore, training in BLS or a minimum of basic CPR training is a critical aspect of readiness, both for the medical department and crew in general.

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4. Background. Information on BLS C course and Basic Heart Saver A course training and certification is available from local chapters of the American Heart Association, local medical treatment facilities, or:

Military Training Network for Resuscitative Medicine
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine
4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-4799
Commercial (301) 295-2282, DSN 295-2282

5. Action

a. Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet/Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet shall:

(1) Set the example for BLS and basic CPR training by ensuring all inspection and evaluation team personnel maintain CPR qualification.

(2) Incorporate review of BLS and CPR training status into periodic assessments such as Immediate Superior in Command inspections, readiness evaluations, and electrical safety inspections, per reference (a).

b. Commanding Officers shall:

(1) Establish approved BLS and basic CPR training programs, with appropriate documentation of such training. The basic CPR program shall be incorporated into the command indoctrination for all hands, per reference (b). BLS training shall be incorporated into the medical/dental department orientation programs, per reference (c).

(2) Maintain current BLS qualifications, at a minimum, for all medical/dental department personnel per reference (c).

(3) Maintain current CPR Basic Heart Saver qualification for the following groups:

(a) All personnel in the electrical/electronic associated ratings, per reference (d).

(b) All gas free engineers designated as rescue personnel for engineers working in confined spaces, per reference (d).

(c) All members of CV/CVN master-at-arms force and brig personnel, per reference (e).

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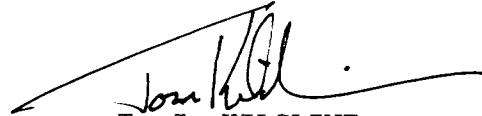
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(4) Ensure two BLS qualified members are present at the site of physical readiness testing, as required per reference (f).

(5) All service members are encouraged to become BLS qualified.



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